

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

BRAC BIT: #54

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SUBJECT(S): BBI Key Dates, Status and CYBER BITS

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1. Upcoming Events:

- a. BRAC Business Initiative In Progress Review #2:
 - i. Date: 13 October, 8:00 to 10:00 AM
 - ii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2
Columbia, MD 21045-3728 (410) 730-4610
 - iii. Agenda: This will be the first official report on the progress of our 21 Test Companies. Look for relevant information with rough edges!
 - iv. *Who should attend:* All BRAC Business Initiative (BBI) Test Companies
 - v. *Who may want to attend:* Strongly encourage all BBI Partner Companies and other interested parties. No reservations necessary.
- b. BRAC Business Initiative Partnership and Networking Session # 1:
 - i. Date: 21 October 2009, 08:00 to 10:00 AM
 - ii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2
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 - iii. Agenda: Introduction of the BBI Formal Networking Organization
 - iv. *Who should attend:* All members of the BBI organization
 - v. *Who may want to attend:* Businesses interested in becoming BBI Partners

2. Discussion:

- a. BRAC Business Initiative (BBI) Update:
 - i. Today, we have over 200 companies participating in the BBI and we expect to have 300 by mid-November. That said; let me take this opportunity to remind everyone of the ultimate goal of the BBI. We began with the assumption that a significant number of small and minority businesses in the region would like to do business, or improve their business, with Defense Agencies and Defense Contractors that are in support of Fort Meade. The second assumption is that these businesses are challenged to find the comprehensive information they require to develop appropriate strategies and access available resources. The focus of the BBI is to identify the desperate components of this contracting environment. We will accomplish this through documentation of the experiences of our 21 Test Companies. These experiences will contribute to the development of a contract terrain map, not a road map. We will make the companies aware of the contracting realities, not dictate the route they choose to traverse the terrain.
- b. CYBER BITS:
 - i.The Navy is also standing up Fleet Cyber Command, Admiral Roughead (Chief, Naval Operations) said, to be operated by the reconstituted U.S. 10th Fleet. The 10th Fleet was involved in efforts to thwart enemy submarines during World War II. The Air Force and Army also are standing up organizations that focus on information operations and network security. Fleet Cyber Command will be a subordinate unit to U.S. Cyber Command, the formation of which was directed by Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates on June 23 2009.... (Gerry J. Gilmore, Armed Forces Press Service (10/02/09)
 - ii. At the meeting of the Maryland Military Installation Council on 2 October 2009, a staff member of the Maryland Congressional Delegation announced that Fleet Cyber Command would be located on Fort Meade.
 - iii. Rumors of submarines operating in the Patuxent River adjacent to Fort Meade have not been substantiated! (First, and probably last, BRAC BIT humor)